

# Philippines

## Cultural Intelligence Seminar



*“The center of gravity in counterinsurgency operations is the population. Therefore, understanding the local society and gaining its support is critical to success. For U. S. forces to operate effectively among a local population and gain and maintain their support, it is important to develop a thorough understanding of the society and its culture, including its history, tribal/family/social structure, values, religions, customs, and needs.”*

### FM 3-07.22, section 4-11

**Introduction.** The Philippines Cultural Intelligence Seminar (CIS) will be conducted on 8 January 2007 at Quantico, Virginia. It is a core component of the United States Marine Corps (USMC) Small Wars Center of Excellence (COE). The Seminar will support the overarching purpose of *Expeditionary Warrior 07 (EW 07)*, the current iteration of the Marine Corps’ Title X Wargaming Program shaped in the context of the US Pacific Command (PACOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR), and will expand the Small Wars and Counter-Insurgency (COIN) efforts. Also, it will contribute more broadly to the continuing Small Wars COE Cultural Intelligence Seminar Program, which seeks to provide a missing piece to conventional military planning by focusing on both the complexities and nuances of indigenous cultures, as well as the actual network of power and influence operating beneath the line and block charts. Moreover, the Cultural Intelligence Seminar Program heavily relies upon the experience and expertise of military, interagency, NGO, and other organizations with hands on regional experience.

**Purpose.** This CIS will consider the Philippines. The insights and observations from the Seminar will be refocused for a thorough cultural study to support an effective follow-on *EW 07* Staff Exercise (STAFFEX), 9 – 10 January 2007, as well as the *EW 07* culminating war game, 21 – 26 January 2007.

### Key Focus Areas

- Overview of the Philippines to include history, politics, economics, and foreign relations.
- Insurgent groups, focusing on the NPA, MILF, MNLF, and Raja Soloman.
- Discussion of the formal and informal political structures and the relationships and dynamics between the two.

**Seminar Methodology.** The Seminar will comprise a broad scope of relevant briefings by subject matter experts, as well as those with experience in the region, followed by question and answer sessions.

The Seminar is open to all U.S. Government, military, and international personnel. Briefs begin at 0830 and will continue to approximately 1600. All day participation is not required; individuals with other commitments may come and go at any time during the Seminar.

**Location.** The Seminar will be held at MCB Quantico, Ellis Hall (Building 2082). Directions are available as part of the Administrative Information.

**Classification.** UNCLASSIFIED.

**Administrative Information** outlining the agenda and coordination instructions will be published at a later date and may be accessed on the Wargaming Website, or by contacting the Wargaming Division Point of Contact:

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